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## **COUNTY ASKS PUBLIC FOR INFORMATION ON SPRAY PAINTED KITTEN** ***Kitten Recovers from Brutal Attack; Good Samaritan Turns Kitten Over to Animal Services***

A spray painted kitten that was rescued by a Good Samaritan yesterday from the 3100 block of Valle Street in San Diego is now recovering at the County Department of Animal Services' shelter on Gaines Street.

The suspect had spray painted the kitten's face so heavily that her eyes were sealed shut. The Department's veterinary staff was able to remove enough paint that the kitten is now able to partially open her eyes. This case is an intentional and malicious act of animal cruelty, which could be prosecuted as a felony. The Department is conducting an investigation to try and find the person or persons responsible.

"We need help from the public to bring this person to justice," said Dawn Danielson, Director of the County Department of Animal Services. "If anyone witnessed this crime or can provide any information which will help locate the person responsible, please call the Animal Services Tip Line at **619-767-2740.**"

"There is no doubt that this kitten suffered intense pain and if we have the evidence to prove who is responsible, we will submit the case to the District Attorney's office for prosecution," said Danielson.

Currently, the kitten is eating and drinking, which is a really good sign. County Animal Services will continue to monitor her health and provide treatment as necessary. In the meantime, the kitten is being held as evidence and it is unknown when she will be available for adoption.

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